the locality were prepared to put up the necessary building. But nothing had been done in the matter. The grievances of the people in this respect demanded urgent attention.

The people of Tumpoli had constructed a road about 2 miles in length from the Alleppey-Shertallai road to Tumpoli at thir own cost. Tumpoli was an important village having more than a thousand hamlets. There was also a departmental fish-curing yard at Tumpoli and an ancient church. In view of these facts, the road should be taken up for maintenance by the Government and the necessary improvements also should be effected without delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Lonan Pillai, the question of establishing a dispensary at Kalavur, the Administrative Medical Board explains to me, can be decided only after the Inspecting Officer has visited the spot and carefully examined the requirements of the case.

2. In regard to the maintenance by the Government of the ryots' road leading from the Alleppey-Shertallai road to Tumpoli church, the Chief Engineer has already called for a report, and as soon as he is in possession of it, he will make his recommendations to the Government.

130. Needs of Alleppey.

MR. K. S. DHARMARAJA AIYAR (*Member, Municipal Council, Alleppey*) requested that a dispensary be established for the use of the people living at the eastern end of the Alleppey town. A suitable location would be somewhere on the banks of the Vadattodu or the Commercial Canal and between the Iron Bridge and the Stone Bridge. The dispensary would also benefit the people of Tondankulangara, Ariyad and Tiruvampadi.

The Mullakkal road, an important thoroughfare, was in a miserable condition during the rainy season, as the drainage channel leading west had been converted into a private road, raised in level and the culvert on it completely blocked up. Accumulation of water on the road might endanger the walls of the Mullakkal temple. The old channel, which is *puduval* land unauthorisedly encroached upon, should be restored or a masonry drain constructed along it.

Alleppey should be provided with a supply of good water. The town was unhealthy and epidemics broke out during the monsoon when the shallow wells and tanks were filled with surface water. Three possible sources were Tiruvalla, Kottayam and the Pallaturutti river near Tottapalli. An investigation by a committee, which would not cost more than Rs. 5,000, might be ordered.

Vagrant lepers in the town should be segregated.

The canals being vested in the Public Works Department and the roads in the municipality, there was conflict of jurisdiction and in cases where they were side by side, the parapet walls were neglected. Both should be placed under the control of the municipality.

Quilon, Alleppey and Cochin should be connected by telephone or cable, chiefly in the interests of the passengers travelling in steam and motor boats between those places. The running cost may be met by levying a fee on every ticket sold by the boat companies.

A small bridge should be constructed across the Commercial Canal near Chunkam. Between the District Court bridge and the Savakotta bridge, another bridge on the Vadattodu should be constructed, in consideration of the development of the town northwards and the large number of factory hands who crossed the canal daily.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Dharamaraja Aiyar, the question of establishing a dispensary at the eastern end of the town is now awaiting a report to ascertain the real need. The Administrative Board, Medical Services, has asked the Inspecting Medical Officer to undertake the examination; and as soon as that is done, the Government will be able to proceed with the matter.

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2. The question of water-supply to Alleppey has, as you know, been engaging my attention ever since my visit to Alleppey. The question is beset with many problems. Do what you will, you get nothing but brackish water at Alleppey; deep boring will yield nothing but brackish water. Wells that have been deep sunk have yielded nothing better. The only solution there is to seek your water elsewhere. I think Pallaturutti is the most likely source. However, I may tell you now that I am endeavouring to secure the services, for a short time, of an expert in the matter of water supply schemes. If I can secure his services, I hope to have the question of Alleppey water-supply also examined soon.

3. As to placing the canals in the charge of the municipality, that, I think, is not a matter which the Government can assent to ; it is something more than a municipal concern.

4. All the other points of your representation will receive attention.

131. Improvement of facilities for trade at Alleppey.

MR. V. OOMMEN JACOB (*Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey*) made the following suggestions for the development of trade at Alleppey and requested that they should be carried out soon.

(*a*) Construction of at least three very large godowns at the beach for the purpose of enabling merchants to stock goods before shipment and also to stock goods that are landed.

(*b*) Construction of a wharf and the provision of godown accommodation at the western end of the Commercial Canal near the recreation ground and connecting the same by means of rails with the pier.

(*c*) Construction of a dock near the hospital, for the mooring of sea-boats during bad weather.

(*d*) Provision of a steam tug to tow sea-boats.

(*e*) Construction of three foot bridges (besides the one proposed near Chunkam) across the Commercial Canal at convenient distances.

(*f*) A Commercial Intelligence Bureau should be attached to the local Assistant Excise Commissioner's Office.

(*g*) Completion of the Alleppey-Quilon road so as to make it fit for motor-traffic.

132. Suggestions for the general improvement of Alleppey.

MR. V. OOMMEN JACOB (*Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey*) represented that, though Alleppey was the commercial metropolis of the State and its trade was increasing day by day, the roads were in a miserable condition. The municipality had no funds to maintain them in a better condition, and some arrangement should be made in the matter of funds.

The canals which served a very important function at Alleppey were getting silted up where reinforced concrete works had not been done. Damage to adjacent roads was also caused often. Reinforced concrete works should be undertaken in the remaining places, and the maintenance works should be more carefully attended to.

The small lanes and paths in the town should be improved, widened and metalled. The Municipality wanted the works to be done by the Government as they were original works, while the Government regarded them as a purely municipal concern. The Government should issue definite orders for the work being done by the proper agency.

The two bridges at Chunkam were in a damaged condition and should be repaired immediately. A new bridge should be constructed across the main canal. A foot-bridge would suffice. Two bridges were also necessary across the Vadattodu, one near the Government timber depot and the other at the present Vazhichery ferry.

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